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DATA TRANSMISSION METHOD AND
SYSTEM, AND DEVICE USED THEREFOR

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Sir:

Pursuant to the requirement contained in the Office Action mailed March 5, 2004, applicants hereby elect invention II, claims 3-9, 12-16, and 19-21, drawn to a data transmission method for communication between first and second transmission devices transmitting/receiving a data frame including a transmission timer value indicating a total frame time of data frames subsequent thereto by using a single transmission path.

In view of this election, a full examination on the merits of the present application is respectfully requested

Respectfully submitted,

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